

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 2-12 and 18-37 are pending in the present application, with claims 3 and 18 being independent. Claims 1 and 13-17 were previously cancelled.

This Supplemental Reply After Final adds dependent claims 28-37, which are dependent on claim 18 and are representative of claims 2 and 4-12. Therefore, these newly added claims do not add any new subject matter.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application appears to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is, therefore, requested to reexamine the application and pass the claims to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Martin Geissler (Reg. No. 51,011) at the telephone number below, which is located in the Washington, DC area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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